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SUBJ: MARCH 15 MEDIA REPORTING OF LEBANESE SITUATION

1. DAMASCUS RADIO AND TELEVISION ARE CONTINUING TO REMAIN SILENT ON RECENT LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS, BUT AL-BAATH CARRIED DETAILED OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT OF PREVIOUS DAY'S ACTIVITY. AL-BAATH BANNERED, "UNITL EARLY MORNING HOURS THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT IN LEBANON; FRANGIE INSISTS ON NOT RESIGNING; AHDAB THREATENS USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE MATTERS."

2. PAPER REPORTED COMMENTS BY AHDAB A OUT SYRIAN POSITION IN CRISIS. ASKED IF SYRIA WAS SUPPORTING HIS ACTIONS, AHDAB REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT RESPONSIBILITY OF SYRIANS TO FORCE FRANGIE TO RESIGN, AND PROCLAIMED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT ONCE NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED SYRIAN MEDIATION COULD RESUME.

AHDAB ALSO ASSERTED THAT SYRIA WOULD SUPPORT ANY ACTION
IN LEBANESE INTEREST. ASKED ABOUT HIS CONTACTS
WITH SYRIANS, AHDAB ASSERTED THAT HE WAS NOT
MOTIVATED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY OR ORGANIZATION BUT
RATHER BY HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING OF THE "BITTER
SITUATION" IN LEBANON.
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